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## Announcement of a Control Date for the South Atlantic Penaeid Shrimp Fishery

NOAA Fisheries announces that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) is establishing a control date of **September 8, 2000** for the commercial penaeid shrimp fishery in the South Atlantic exclusive economic zone. The Council is concerned about the potential for excess harvesting capacity in the fishery. This notice announces that the Council may, in the future, consider management measures that limit participation or effort in the fishery, and that the Council may use this control date as part of a management strategy.

Establishment of a control date does not commit the Council or NOAA Fisheries to any particular management regime or criteria for entry into this fishery. Fishermen are not guaranteed future participation in the fishery regardless of their entry date or intensity of participation in the fishery before or after the control date under consideration. The Council may choose to use a different control date or a management regime that does not make use of such a date or to give variably weighted consideration to fishermen active in the fishery before and after the

control date. Other qualifying criteria, such as documentation of landings and sales, may be applied for entry. The Council may also choose to take no further action to control entry or access to the fishery, in which case the control date may be rescinded.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the establishment of a control date in the fishery must be submitted before **October 10, 2000** to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, South Carolina 29407-4699; telephone: 843-571-4366; fax: 843-769-4520; email: [safmc@noaa.gov](mailto:safmc@noaa.gov).

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